

**SOUTH EAST ASSOCIATION FOR
SPECIAL PARKS AND RECREATION**

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting Held
November 20, 2018, at the SEASPAR Office,
4500 Belmont Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Call to Order: Dan Garvy called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present:	Village of Brookfield	Stevie Ferrari
	Clarendon Hills Park District	Kelly Smith
	Downers Grove Park District	Bill McAdam
	Park District of LaGrange	Dean Bissias
	Community Park District of LaGrange Park	Aleks Briedis
	Lemont Park District	Carrie Dellamano
	Lisle Park District	Dan Garvy
	Village of Western Springs	Ray Jasica
	Woodridge Park District	Mike Adams
	Executive Director	Matt Corso
	Superintendent	Dawn Krawiec
	Superintendent	Karen Lesniak
	Fund Development Coordinator	Lisa Rasin
	Marketing Coordinator	Morgan Drdak
	Recording Secretary	Carol Kocek
Absent:	Darien Park District	Stephanie Gurgone
	Village of Indian Head Park	Brenda O'Laughlin
	Westmont Park District	Bob Fleck
Visitors:	Day Program Manager	Cathy Morava
	Program Manager	Sioban Goddard
	Administrative Assistant	Nicole Guzior
	Administrative Staff	Cathy Marron

Public Comment and Correspondence:

Cathy Morava highlighted the EAGLES program. She stated she has known many EAGLES participants since their youth. Participants attend Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday. Only a few original participants attend five days. Cathy stated that Lisle and Darien were at near capacity with a few openings in Brookfield. Staff are pursuing leads for Lemont participation.

Cathy reported the EAGLES range in age from 22 to 45 and age out at 50. Cathy explained the groups are very active every day and older participants might not be able to keep up with the pace.

Cathy highlighted the annual camping trip to Joe Long's campground in Lena and visits to pumpkin farms. Brookfield EAGLES attended a live WGN radio broadcast at a local restaurant.

Cathy noted she hired some EAGLES staff years ago and spoke highly of their dedication to the participants and the program.

The EAGLES took their rescheduled summer 5K to the Park District of LaGrange where three groups walked laps and enjoyed a lunch together after receiving medals of completion.

In addition, EAGLES routinely get together with other SRAs, have yoga and exercise classes, music appreciation, and craft classes. They are active in community events.

Cathy regularly attends transition program IEPs for students aging out who are interested in EAGLES. Three Lemont residents are attending in Lemont on Tuesday and Thursday. Cathy invited over 30 families, some on the waiting list, to tour Lemont. Some were farther away from Lemont and had other transportation factors deterring participation.

Dawn Krawiec introduced Sioban Goddard, Special Olympics Program Coordinator. Sioban attended Monmouth College, completed an internship with Special Olympics, and worked for the WDSRA day program. She moved on to Heart of Illinois SRA in Peoria for three years where her duties included inclusion, day camp, support staff management, and Special Olympics.

Matt Corso recognized Dawn Krawiec for her five years of service. Dawn oversaw changes to the EAGLES program with the addition of the Lisle location and removal of the transportation option. She is an active part of the SEASPAR Park Pursuit team and a CPR trainer. Outside of the organization, Dawn is active with the TR Section of IPRA. Matt thanked Dawn for her commitment to the organization.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Dean Bissias moved to approve the October 16, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes; the Cash Disbursements in the amount of \$236,239.91; and the Bank Reconciliation from October 2018 as presented. Kelly Smith seconded the motion.

Voting Aye: LaGrange, Clarendon Hills, Brookfield, Downers Grove, LaGrange Park, Lemont, Western Springs, Woodridge, Lisle

Voting Nay: None

Absent, Not Voting: Brookfield, Indian Head Park, Westmont

Motion Carried Unanimously

Recreation Report:

Dawn Krawiec reported the successful 40th Annual Special Olympics Swim Meet on November 19. Eight teams and 166 athletes competed. Benet students volunteered and many SEASPAR supporters attended. Matt stated the swim meet is the longest running SRA event.

Administrative Services Report:

Karen Lesniak reported as a cost savings measure she temporarily suspended three smart phones not needed until summer. Karen complimented Lisa Rasin on a very energetic Trivia Night.

Fund Development Report:

Lisa Rasin stated Trivia Night was fun. She also reported she would be meeting with the new representative from the DuPage Medical Group Foundation who has donated over \$60,000 over the past two years.

Marketing Report:

Morgan reported the Winter-Spring brochure will be delivered on December 3.

Executive Director's Report:

Matt Corso introduced Cathy Marron. Cathy worked a number of years at NEDSRA and is working in the office as an administrative staff.

Matt Corso noted the office was very busy. Lots of planning has been underway with the upcoming maternity leave for Rachel Pavesich, some time off for Greg, Aaron's new duties, and the addition of Sioban.

Ray Jasica asked about St. Francis Xavier School participation. Matt stated they were again sponsoring the Friday morning bowling event and ability awareness days are planned.

Matt reported the Riverside Brookfield Mental Health Association is preparing an agreement for residents of the Hollywood section of Brookfield to cover 50% of their program fees. Once the agreement is finished he will present it for Board approval.

Board members discussed various fundraising options, such as rotary clubs and other agencies that provide scholarship funds to member districts. Matt Corso noted the donation from the Lemont Sertoma Club.

Matt reminded the Board of the 12th annual Holiday spectacular at the Theater of Western springs on December 3.

Matt noted a SEASPAR family's participation in a Netflix show involving their therapy dog. The participant and his family reside in Western Springs.

Matt reported the February Board meeting would be held at Safety Village in Lemont.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

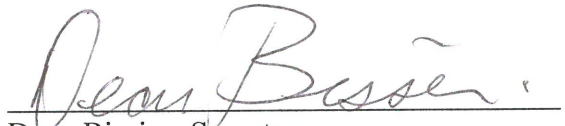
Member Entity Projects and Events:

None

Adjournment:

Ray Jasica moved to adjourn the regularly scheduled November 20, 2018, SEASPAR Board Meeting at 3:50 p.m. Aleks Briedis seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dean Bissias, Secretary
South East Association for
Special Parks And Recreation

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Carol Kocek, Recording Secretary